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The speakers on this tape are unidentified. The conversation was probably part of a Uintah County Historical Society meeting. No date is available.

Unidentified speaker: ...came to the United States in 1634, and joined the Massachusetts colony there. In the things that we read about the Hatchses there, they were over here in Dartmouth and Cape Cod, they settled around in here. Thomas Hatch had two children and a second wife when he came. His one boy was named Jonathan and Lydia was his daughter. They settled there and basically he had to be a freeman at 25, then you had to build your own house.

Jonathan was a very ambitious fellow. He went out and got friends with the Indians, rode around quite a lot, then he married a lady. He married this Sara Rowley. This was the line that Winston Churchill's mother came from. He had a large family. He had Mary, Thomas, Johnson, Joseph and Benjamin (that's who Lloyd's line comes through) Mavin, Samuel, Moses, Sara, and ?. That was a long line.

This Benjamin, he married a girl by the name of Maria Fish, and they had a large family, too. They had a boy by the name of Nathaniel Hatch. This Nathaniel Hatch married an Asian. Nathaniel joined the American Revolution and went to war. They never did know where he was or how he died until years later. He had three boys that joined, also. Jeremiah. Years later they found that Nathaniel died from smallpox that he had picked up when he went over into Canada to that Camp Ticonderoga. They captured that camp and when he was on the way back, he died just over the hill into New Hampshire.

Then Jeremiah became a ? and he went on. You know how they did the Revolutionary War? Some of them fought during the summer and the spring, then sometimes they'd go back home in the winter, and some of them went back to put in their crops and it was an on-again-off-again, and that's the reason it lasted so long. Now Jeremiah had married a lady by the name of Elizabeth Hyatt. They had several children, but wasn't able to keep one alive for a long time, so Elizabeth prayed to the Lord to send her a son who was healthy and be a comfort to them and she would dedicate him to the Lord. So she finally got a son by the name of Hezekiah. He did dearly love the gospel and all these people were Puritans, studied the gospel all the time, teaching their children.

This Hezekiah married Orella Summers and she had quite a big family: Jeremiah, Lorenzo and Abram Chase were their boys. This older Jeremiah also had a boy by the name of Jeremiah. When they accepted the gospel and joined the Mormon Church, John joined, the oldest boy, and Hezekiah and this Jeremiah, but this Jeremiah didn't ever join, the oldest Jeremiah's son, Jeremiah. So anyway, he's the one that didn't join the gospel and he married Lucy Ann Rigdon, the daughter of Sidney and Phoebe Rigdon.

After they accepted the gospel, they got to thinking they'd like to join with the saints in Nauvoo, so they prepared. They spent two years preparing to go, getting cloth, homemade quilts, and everything they could get and trying to sell their property. In the meantime, Orella died. So this left Hezekiah with this big family to come. His grandfather, his father, and his mother, who were aging people, but they made their way to Nauvoo.

At Nauvoo, the pieces of paper in March, I guess it was, told about Jeremiah building the house in Nauvoo. He did build a house in Nauvoo, but he didn't settle in Ogden, as it said. He

never did cross the plains. His wife died at Winter Quarters. They'd all made an excursion with the rest of the saints and his wife died in Winter Quarters. He died over a little further, over in Nebraska.

So, the older family come on, this Jeremiah and his brother, Lorenzo, come on over to Utah. They got here in 1851. They stayed around Salt Lake working. I think they must have helped with the men who went back to help the handcart people. They always sent men back to help the handcart people because they run out of supplies and had some sick and needed wagons and things. He helped like that for a long time.

Then they moved to Smithfield. He helped settle Smithfield and lived there quite a while. Then he went down to Lehi with his brother, Lorenzo, to settle Lehi, then they called him to go to Manti. At Manti he helped to build that country, and helped build the mill and things. Brigham Young needed him to be a Indian agent and help try to teach the Indians to farm. Over at Manti, they took over, and to Sanpete County, also.

Then he was called again to go back up to Smithfield. That's where their parents were, up to Smithfield. They had to go up there. In the meantime they gathered, Jeremiah, Lorenzo, and Al Hatch were Jeremiah Sr., Hezekiah's children. They went up, they all helped each other. They went back up to Smithfield, and at Smithfield he lost his wife, she died a few years after, five or six years after, her last son was born. Her last son was Joshua, that's Orrin Hatch's great-grandfather.

They called him to go on another mission. He went on another mission, back to Vermont this time. Before he left Nauvoo, he went on a mission to Michigan, that's where he met the Hatches and gave a young boy his name, Jeremiah Hatch Murray, and introduced those people to the gospel. They decided to come to Utah later, too. Then they come out here to Vernal where Jeremiah Hatch was. Anyway, he went back there on a mission and when he come back, they sent him up to Smithfield again, then over to Franklin, Idaho, where Lorenzo helped to pioneer that country.

Lorenzo also was called to pioneer in Mexico. They went down into Mexico. ? were called to go on a mission. Before they could get their things all settled, Jeremiah Lorenzo went, had this stock to take care of. So they went down to Heber where A.C. Hatch was. They spent the winter down there. When they went back up to conference the next spring, they were called to come to this valley. Alma came out here to this country, he went over on Blue Mountain and...